

ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP

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April 26, 2013

Bill Vajda, City Manager
300 W. Baraga Ave
Marquette, MI 49855

Reference: Next Michigan Development District

Dear Bill,

The Ishpeming Township Board discussed the Next Michigan Development District at our April 9, 2013 board meeting.

The entire Ishpeming Township Board endorsed and supported bi-partisan legislative to amend the Next Michigan Development Act, Public Act 275 of 2010, MCL 125.2951 for the purpose of bringing one of the states most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two(2) contiguous counties that have a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

Let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



James Nankervis
Ishpeming Township Supervisor

JN/kf

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Charter Township of Chocolay

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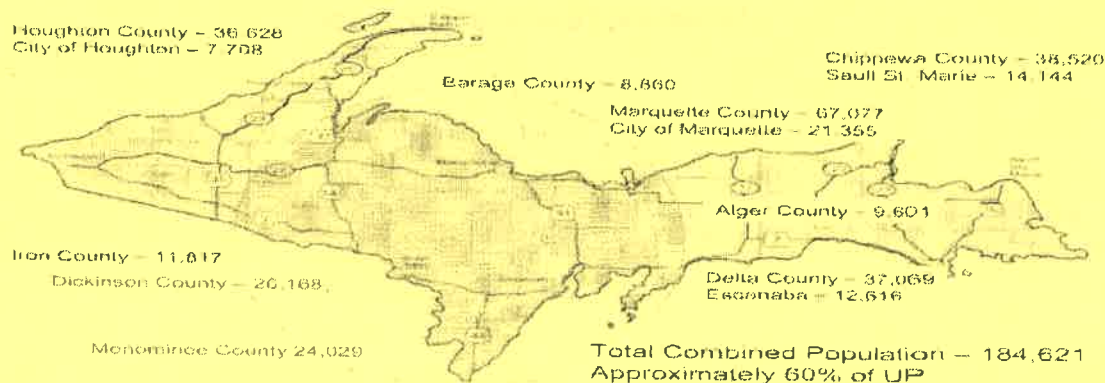
Resolution of Support

White moved, Carlson seconded that

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Micropolitan Area Per 2010 Federal Standard



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Chocolay does hereby endorse and support bi-partisan legislation to amend the Next Michigan Development Act, Public Act 275 of 2010, MCL 125.2951. for the purpose of bringing one of the state's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties that has a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:


Ayes: Maki, Stanaway, White, Carlson, Greenberg, Walker.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting as Deputy Clerk of the Charter Township of Chocolay, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Chocolay, County of Marquette, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on March 18, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Deputy Clerk

Mary Sanders

Charter Township of Chocolay Township

5010 U S 41 South

Marquette, Michigan 49855

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CREATION OF A NEXT MICHIGAN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Preamble: The local units of government in the Delta and Marquette County Central Upper Peninsula encourage the creation of a Next Michigan Development District for the purpose of bringing one of the State's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one (1) Next Michigan Development district above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties with a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

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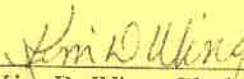
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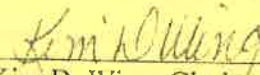
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ely Township Board does hereby endorse and support bi-partisan legislation to amend the Next Michigan Development Act, Public Act 275 of 2010, MCL 125.2951 for the purpose of bringing one of the state's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties that has a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Schultz and supported by Board Member Hosang on April 17, 2013. Ayes - 5 , Nays - 5. Supervisor Pepin declared this resolution adopted.


 Kim D. Wing, Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Kim D. Wing, the acting Clerk of Ely Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board of said Township at the regular meeting of said Board held on April 17, 2013.


 Kim D. Wing, Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-4

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF A NEXT MICHIGAN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN CENTRAL UPPER PENINSULA

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ishpeming held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ishpeming Senior Center, 320 South Pine Street, Ishpeming, Michigan, there were:

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Tall, Councilwoman Claudia Demarest, Councilwoman Elaine Racine, Councilman Mike Tonkin, and Councilman Dave Williams. Five (5).

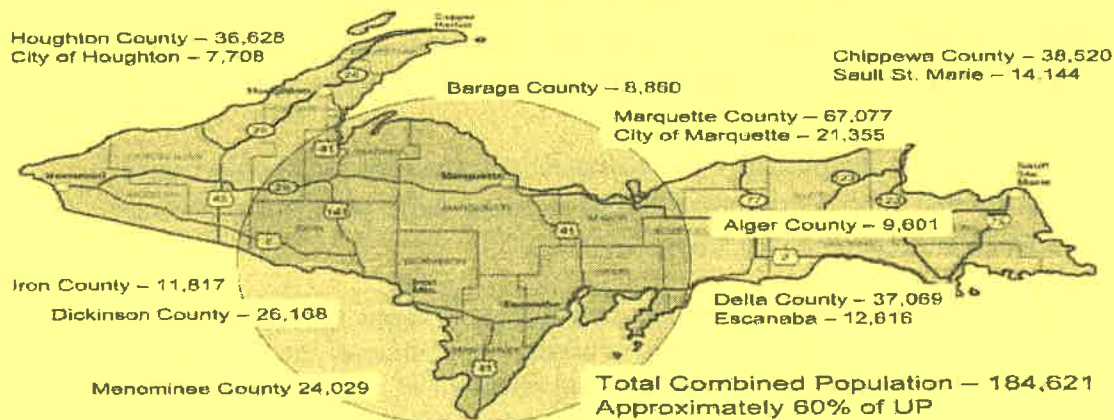
ABSENT: None.

The following resolution was offered by Mayor Tall and seconded by Councilman Williams:

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WHEREAS, the units of government in Delta and Marquette Counties understand that further collaboration and partnering is needed, including the following:

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Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mayor Mike Tall, Councilwoman Claudia Demarest, Councilwoman Elaine Racine, Councilman Mike Tonkin, and Councilman Dave Williams. Five (5).

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Ishpeming, County of Marquette, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on April 10, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.


Jennifer M. Rajala
City Clerk

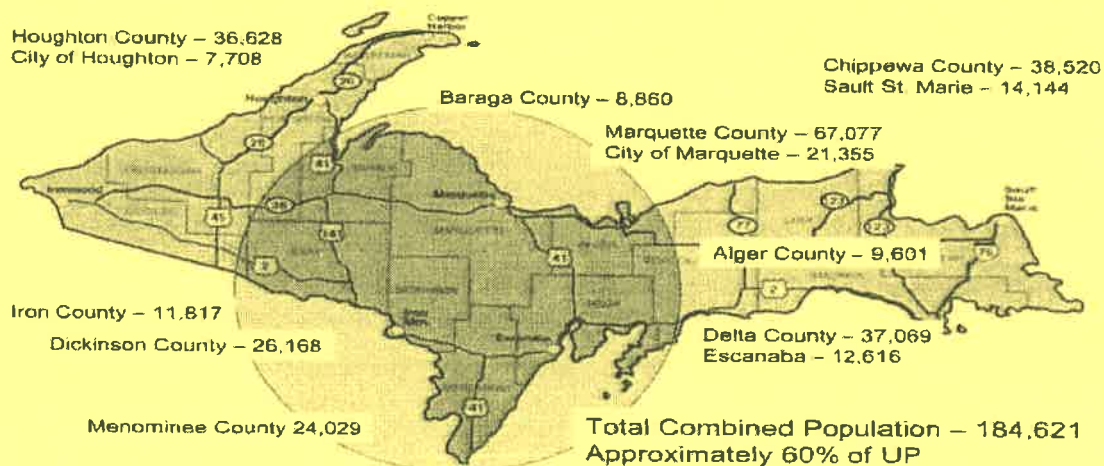


RESOLUTION of SUPPORT *Next Michigan Development District* *Delta and Marquette Counties*

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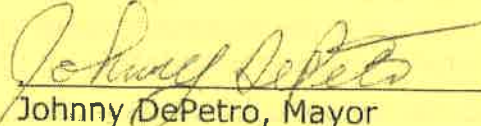
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Adopted this 8th day of April, 2013

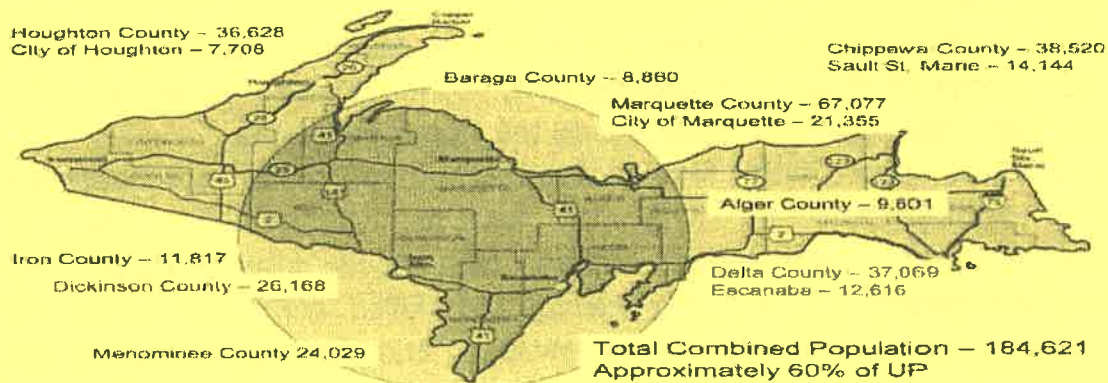

Johnny DePetro, Mayor
City of Marquette

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Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting as Clerk of Marquette County, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, County of Marquette, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on March 26, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Peter Dishnow

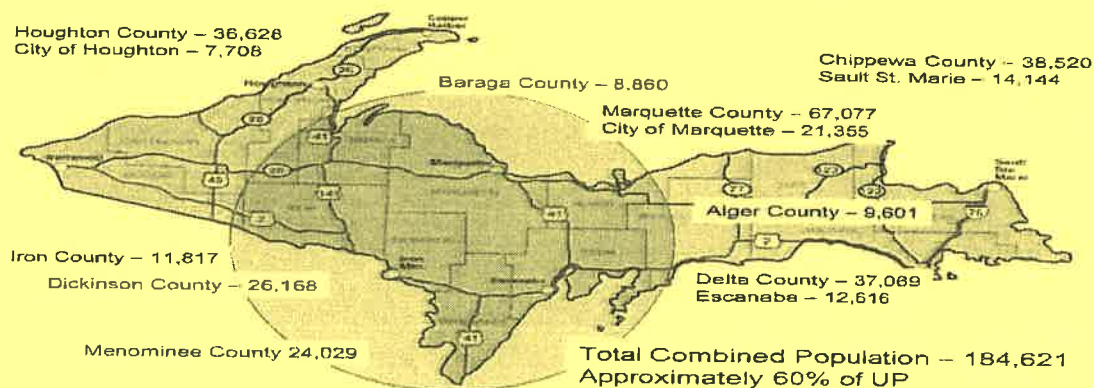
Peter Dishnow, Marquette County Clerk

Resolution of Support

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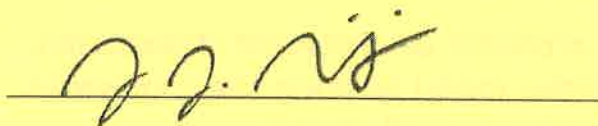
Ayes: Supervisor Liimatta, Clerk Ritari, Treasurer Johnson, Trustee LaRue,
Trustee Pompo, Trustee Truscott, Trustee Durant

Nays: None

Motion Carried 7-0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting as Clerk of the Charter Township of Marquette, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Marquette, County of Marquette, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on April 16, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Randy J. Ritari, Clerk

Charter Township of Marquette

161 County Road 492

Marquette, Michigan 49855

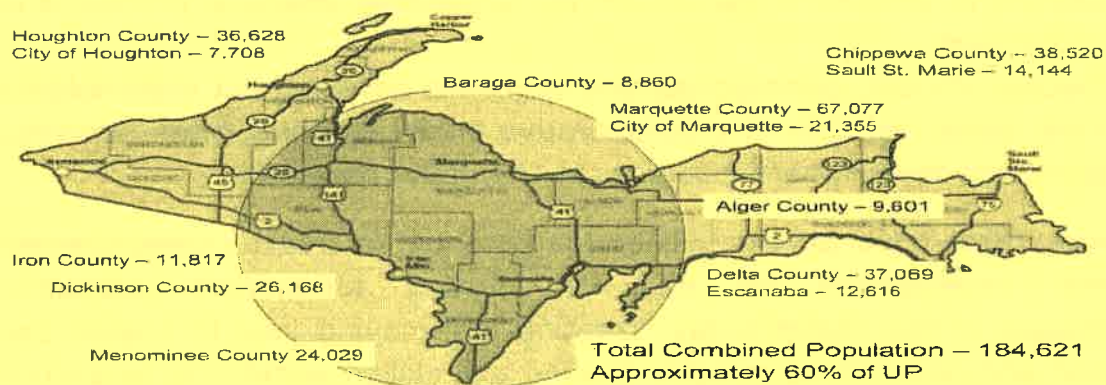


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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Negaunee does hereby endorse and support bi-partisan legislation to amend the Next Michigan Development Act, Public Act 275 of 2010, MCL 125.2951. for the purpose of bringing one of the state's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties that has a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Council Members Schuhknecht, LaCosse, Rogers, Haines, Menhennick, VanStraten, and Mayor Wills

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting as Clerk of the City of Negaunee, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Negaunee City Council of the City of Negaunee, County of Marquette, Michigan, at a regular City Council meeting held on April 11th, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Judith K. Schumacher", is written over a horizontal line.

Clerk

Negaunee Township

"A Community on the Grow"

42 East M-35

Negaunee, Michigan 49866

Phone: (906) 475-7869

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Resolution of Support – Next Michigan Development District

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WHEREAS, the units of government in Delta and Marquette Counties understand that further collaboration and partnering is needed in identifying:

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WHEREAS, the units of government in Delta and Marquette Counties are promoting a regional collaboration and partnership in the course of exploring the tremendous opportunities available by the creation of a Central Upper Peninsula economic development engine as defined in the Next Michigan Development Act No. 275 of 2010 which will promote economic growth focused on multi-modal transportation Micropolitan Area Per 2010 Federal Standard

WHEREAS, these opportunities include the potential to create unprecedented economic development by way of locating tomorrow's economic powerhouses in this region today; creating high paying jobs to ensure the attraction and retention of a highly trained and skilled workforce, to ensure our citizens can receive an education in Michigan and put their talents to use in this great state, and to achieve a unique investment that reflects the impact felt by manufacturers with a long-term perspective.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Negaunee does hereby endorse and support bipartisan legislation to amend the Next Michigan Development Act, Public Act 275 of 2010, MCL 125.2951, for the purpose of bringing one of the state's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one Next Michigan Development District above the 43 parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties that has a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.


Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Carlson, Ennett, Nurmi, Sertich & Soine

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I, Rachel Sertich, the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting as Clerk of the Township of Negaunee do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Negaunee Township Board of Trustees of the County of Marquette, Michigan, at a Regular Board Meeting held on April 11, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Rachel Sertich
Negaunee Township Clerk

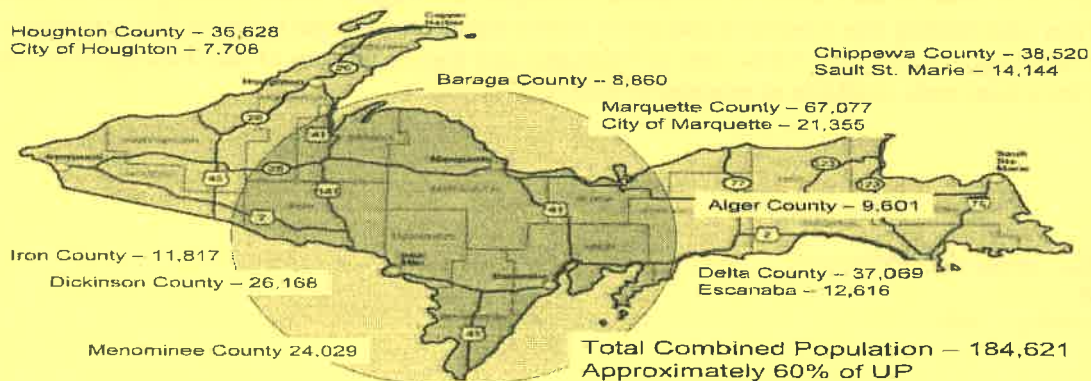
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Resolution of Support

Preamble: The local units of government in the Delta and Marquette County Central Upper Peninsula encourage the creation of a Next Michigan Development District for the purpose of bringing one of the State's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one (1) Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties with a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

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Micropolitan Area Per 2010 Federal Standard



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Powell Township does hereby endorse and support bi-partisan legislation to amend the Next Michigan Development Act, Public Act 275 of 2010, MCL 125.2951. for the purpose of bringing one of the state's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties that has a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

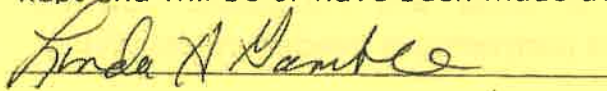
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes:

Nays:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting as Clerk of Powell Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Powell Township, County of Marquette, Michigan, at a regular Board meeting held on April 24, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Clerk

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CREATION OF A NEXT MICHIGAN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Preamble: The local units of government in the Delta and Marquette County Central Upper Peninsula encourage the creation of a Next Michigan Development District for the purpose of bringing one of the State's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one(1) Next Michigan Development district above the 43rd parallel that consists of two(2) contiguous counties with a combined population of between 100,000 and 110,000.

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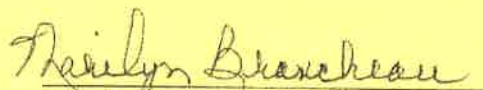
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republic Township Board does hereby endorse and support bi-partisan legislation to amend the Next Michigan Development Act, Public Act 275 of 2010, MCL 125.2951 for the purpose of bringing one of the state's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties that has a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Feldhusen and supported by Board Member Kellow on April 25, 2013. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0, Supervisor Johnson declared this resolution adopted.


Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Marilyn Brancheau, the Clerk of Republic Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board of said Township at the regular meeting of said Board held on April 25, 2013.

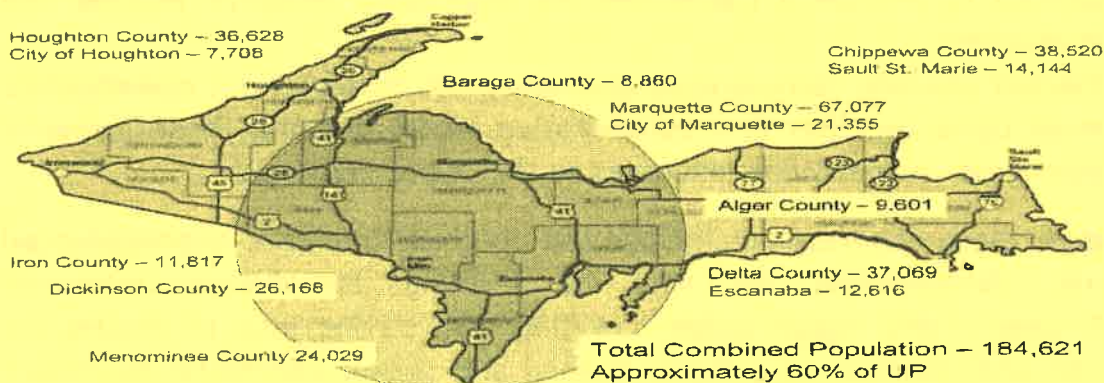

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Sands does hereby endorse and support bi-partisan legislation to amend the Next Michigan Development Act, Public Act 275 of 2010, MCL 125.2951. for the purpose of bringing one of the state's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties that has a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

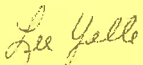
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: D. Walch - yes, C. Schram - yes, B. Yelle - yes, J. Wixtrom - yes, L. Yelle - yes

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting as Clerk of the Township of Sands, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Sands, County of Marquette, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on April 9, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Lee Yelle 

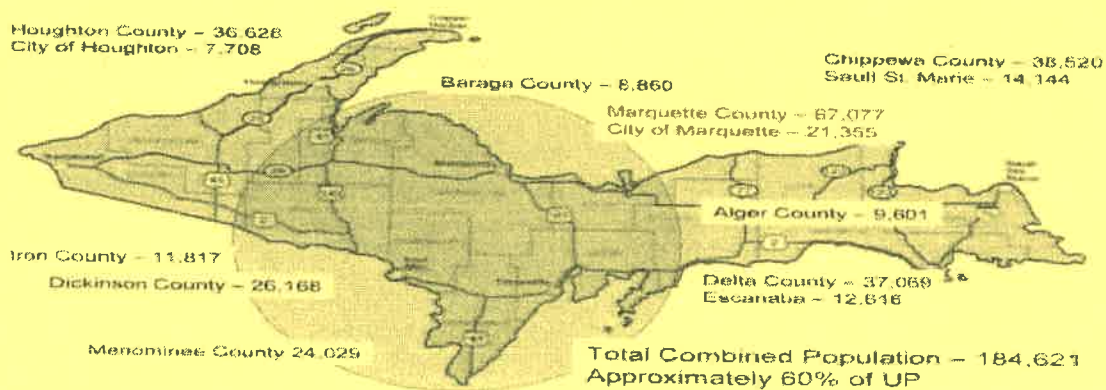
Sands Township Clerk

Resolution of Support

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the West Branch Twp does hereby endorse and support bi-partisan legislation to amend the Next Michigan Development Act, Public Act 275 of 2010, MCL 125.2951. for the purpose of bringing one of the state's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties that has a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting as Clerk of the West Branch Twp, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the West Branch Twp, County of Marquette, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on April 18th, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Michelle Christal

Clerk